



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

March 11, 1998

H.R. 2589

Copyright Term Extension Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 4, 1998

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would not have a significant effect on the federal budget. We estimate the Copyright Office would spend less than \$500,000 to promulgate necessary regulations if the bill were enacted. Because enactment of this bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2589 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 2589 would extend the copyright term for works created on or after January 1, 1978, from life of the author plus 50 years after the author's death to life of the author plus 70 years after death. The bill would extend most other current copyrights for an additional 20 years. The bill also would direct the Copyright Office to prepare regulations to allow libraries to reproduce works in hard copies or in digital form during the 20-year copyright extension period, for purposes of preservation, scholarship, or research, provided certain conditions are met. Based on information from the Copyright Office, we estimate that promulgating these regulations and updating the office's printed materials would cost less than \$500,000, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Kim Cawley. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.